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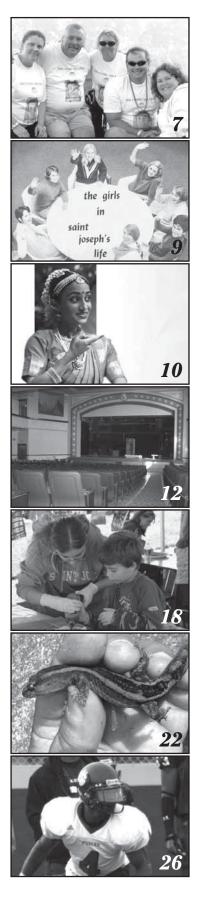
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— excerpted from the College mission statement





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Saint Joseph's College hosted a "ringer" of a weekend and welcomed alumni, students, parents, and friends back to campus for Homecoming 2007, held October 19-21. This year's derbystyle theme, "Off and Running," brought all the excitement of the Winner's Circle right to Rensselaer

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Dr. Robert Brodman, Professor of Biology, recently returned from spending three and a half weeks in New Zealand studying the country's ecology and native species as part of his semester-long sabbatical. Read on to page 22 for a first-person account of his travels and the interesting and exotic creatures he met and studied in the land of the Kiwis.

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Puma athletes are making strides on the men's and women's soccer teams, and individuals on the football team enjoyed a year of success with the Great Lakes Valley Football Conference Team.

Being Faithful Her to Her

The College's Mission Statement begins with these words: "Saint Joseph's College (Indiana), a primarily undergraduate Catholic college, founded and sponsored by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, pledges itself to a tradition of excellence and to a liberal education that is a united endeavor of intelligence and faith."

These forty words capture the very essence of Saint Joseph's: they are the reason for the College's existence. But, as significant and moving as they may be, they are only words. To use a timeworn phrase, "where the rubber meets the road" is in making certain that the quality of the words matches the quality of the educational experience. Who holds the responsibility for making this happen – not just once, but year after year? In other words, who or what is watching the store?

The faculty, administration, and trustees have heard the acronym "CQI" mentioned on a number of occasions, and frequently in tandem with the adjective "important." CQI, or Continuous Quality Improvement, is the process by which Saint Joseph's assures that the value of the diploma each graduate earns carries that "tradition of excellence."

At first glance, CQI appears to be akin to "rocket science." In fact, though, it is a method of seeing that qualified faculty are teaching disciplines that are relevant for today's graduates; requiring faculty in each major to assure that students are learning the objectives of each course; and measuring student involvement, satisfaction, and postgraduate success when compared to other small, liberal arts colleges.

And, to be certain, woven throughout the process is how these three requirements interface with the Core Curriculum.

It's easy to look at CQI and give it "lip service." It's nowhere as easy as counting students or dollars, and it's given to a lot of subjective interpretation. Given the difficulties of applying CQI to the Saint Joseph's academic experience, why should you or I care about it? The answer lies in one word: accreditation.

Accreditation is the "license" for Saint Joseph's to award degrees, and it is granted every ten years after an on-campus evaluation visit by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Without this accreditation, the College would, effectively, be "out of business."

A key requirement of each decade's accreditation is demonstrating to the North Central Association visitors that the College has a formal process of Continuous Quality Improvement. No process, no accreditation!

It's CQI who is watching the store and why Saint Joseph's will remain true to her Mission, now and into the Future.



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Kristopher Krouse '02 Receives Governor's Award

For Tomorrow's Leaders

Kristopher Krouse '02, Executive Director of the Shirley Heinze Land Trust, was honored as one of twelve recipients of the Governor's Award for Tomorrow's Leaders presented by the Indiana Humanities Council and the Office of the Governor. The honorees were recognized in September at a ceremony in Indianapolis. Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman presented the awards and expressed pride and admiration for the achievements of each recipient.

Krouse resides in Valparaiso with his wife, Heidi (Schwartz) '03, and two children, Jak and Abigail. Since March 2005, he has served as Executive Director of Shirley Heinze Land Trust, a 26-year-old nonprofit that has as its primary mission the preservation and restoration of diverse natural areas in Northwest Indiana. Prior to joining the organization, Krouse spent several years with an environmental consulting/ remediation firm as a project manager, while completing an MBA at Indiana University Northwest. He earned his bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from Saint Joseph's College. Krouse volunteers for a community shelter and his church, coaches youth athletics, and is a member of two Northwest Indiana leadership programs and the Rotary Club of Michigan City. He is splitting his \$1,000 award between Christian Community Action's Spring Valley Shelter program and Shirley Heinze Land Trust's restoration program.



Indiana Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman presents the Governor's Award for Tomorrow's Leaders to **Kristopher Krouse '02.**

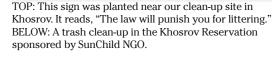
"In barely two years on the job, Kris Krouse has revitalized our organization," said Rachel Saxon, President of Shirley Heinze Land Trust. "His successes in fundraising and grant acquisition have greatly enhanced our ability to fulfill our mission, and his talents for community outreach, networking, and partnering continue to serve us well as we look forward to future growth and success. Speaking for the entire Board of Directors, we feel great pride that Kris was selected for this award. It is an honor he richly deserves."

The award, created in 2003 by the Indiana Humanities Council, recognizes Indiana's outstanding young leaders between the ages of 19 and 29 for their achievements in entrepreneurial, community, education, and cultural arenas. "It is important that our community of leaders reaches out to find and nurture emerging leaders," said IHC Chairman Larry Rowland. "We must keep them invested in Indiana because Indiana is invested in them. Every year we search the state to find those who have already stepped up to strengthen their communities, and every year we are excited and uplifted by the results of that search."

Greetings from Armenia!

My name is Michelle Bova, and I graduated from Saint Joseph's College in 2007. After earning my bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, I chose to put off graduate school to follow my true passion, which is helping others around the world. Currently, I am in Armenia in the small village of Urtsadzor volunteering in the Peace Corps with Environmental Education. From the nature to the people, it is a beautiful country making the most with the little resources they have.

The Khosrov Reservation – a beautiful but threatened forest reserve – is located in Urtsadzor. We are working relentlessly to help the survival of the forest's endangered species, as well as striving towards preservation bringing to an end the pollution that exists there. My efforts and that of my volunteer NGO, "SunChild," are to educate the kids about environmental issues in their country and how everyone can make a difference. While educating, we teach the children how to appreciate nature. The resources needed for taking the children on hikes, expeditions, and camping trips, however, are not obtainable due to lack of funds to purchase camping equipment. These children are our hope for a better environment in the future.



I am the first American and Peace Corps volunteer in this village, and I sponsored by SunChild NGO. know what a challenge I am up against. At the school there are no computers, televisions, and sometimes no electricity; therefore, the only learning tools that we use are books. Unfortu-

nately, the books are very limited. I have already taught all the environmental books I brought with me. Not only is the supply of environmental books inadequate, but also that of books on all subjects and topics.

I gained access to many educational environmental DVDs that the kids are excited about watching. These films are excellent learning tools, but I am up against another challenge: where can I get access to a TV or, better yet, a computer. English is not taught in my school, but many of the children have expressed a lot of interest in learning, which would help them greatly in pursing a career outside the village. If we had televisions or computers, that could be possible for the children.

Here, the children often use the slogan "We prefer cameras over guns" to explain their opinions about hunting of endangered species. I dream that one day, the children will have access to a good camera or video camera. We believe that if we capture Mother Earth at her finest, we can use this video as a learning tool throughout schools.

Over the last five months, I have gotten the chance to get to know these good-spirited, strong children. My goal is trying to get the kids as involved as possible by starting after -school clubs. As of now, I have a basketball and soccer club but with only one basketball and rugged soccer ball I brought with me. I want to teach leadership, determination, and work through sports.

In my village I am trying to organize trash pick-ups as well as plantings. There is much work that can be done here but little – if any – resources. With winter approaching soon here, I am trying to get prepared for the spring, when my plantings will hopefully take place. But as of now, I have no seedlings, resources, or money to work with.

I could write another page on donations we could use, or I could sum it up in one word-**anything**. For the children here, there is no item that would go unused or unappreciated, to preserve the beautiful Khosrov Reservation and educate the children. Please send any physical items available for a cause worth fighting for to:

Michelle Bova 0618 - Republic of Armenia Ararat Marz - Village Urtsadzor

I hope you can join the movement in trying to make the world a better place.

remained grading

For **Dennis Lavery '64**, learning has remained integral to his life since his graduation from Saint Joseph's College with a degree in English. After forty years as the executive director of a medical foundation for the Pacific Northwest and

forty-two years of nonprofit work, serving as a vice president of four different universities, and traveling to all fifty states and forty countries, Lavery has begun a new midlife career as a documentary film producer.

In his new field, Lavery participates in photo exhibitions and has involved himself with a documentary film board in Portland. He currently serves as the creator and managing director of Silver Screenings, the first international film festival devoted to the creative work of independent and documentary film makers over the age of 50. The inaugural event will be held in 2010 in Hillsboro, Oregon.

"My photo exhibitions and documentary film work all began as I closed in on age 65," said Lavery. "I want to give hope to my classmates that learning is a lifelong endeavor."

Lavery is currently working on two documentaries. One chronicles the man who invented the microwave, as well as radar for airplanes to land on runways, whose discovery eventually became the death of him: the waves cooked him from the inside out. "He and his wife," said Lavery, "were both Jewish, but they denied their beliefs. The implications of their decisions are still felt fifty years later." Lavery's second documentary reveals the shadows of Mormon life – those who remain in the church but no longer believe the teachings.

"Documentary film making allows me to look at the story behind the story," Lavery said. "In all my films, there's the main attraction, of course, but there are also many subplots that are just as important."

> His photography success and film-making career might never have happened if not for a little white lie Lavery used to win his second teaching position fresh out of college. His first stint as a teacher lasted two days at a school in Hammond, Indiana. "I accepted the position thinking I'd be teaching senior English, but when I got there," he said, "I was handed the books for the fourth grade class. They had given the senior gig to someone else right out from under me. The fourth grade class was taught in the

gym along with the other elementary school classes. I resigned the next day."

Determined to find a teaching position close to his home in Valparaiso, Indiana, where he lived with his wife and two kids and was working on completing his master's degree at Valparaiso University, Lavery found another open position: Calumet High School in Gary, Indiana, was in need of a news, photography, journalism, and English teacher. Everything but the photography aspect was right up Lavery's alley.

"I had never taken a photography class a day in my life," he laughed. "I'd barely even picked up a camera at this point in my life. But I wanted the job, so I said, 'Sure! I have photography skills.' My first day on the job, I went over to the art teacher and asked him for photography pointers. He didn't teach me photography, though. He taught me what not to do. We became good friends, and I dedicated my first photography exhibition to him."

Several years later, photography knowledge in hand, Lavery returned to SJC to teach photography and poetry classes, as well as edit the alumni magazine Contact. "As a student, I stayed involved on campus, participating in journalism opportunities and student government, but mostly I worked hard to keep my grades up," he said. "I found a world of education at SJC while I was a student, and I was excited to return and become a part of that world again."

"My life changed at SJC," Lavery continued. "I learned discipline teaching poetry, which gave me a new look at life, while I developed an eye for photography."

With his skills and sharp eye, he was given the opportunity to work as a photographer for the Irish tourism bureau, NCAA basketball, and as a set photographer for the film Brian's Song, parts of which were filmed right on campus at SJC. His photographic work has appeared in galleries, museums, schools, and courthouses.

Years later, Lavery's best friends remain the acquaintances he made at Saint Joseph's. "We always talk about the same things, relive the same memories" he said. "The greater the time I've spent away from SJC, the more I've grown to appreciate it. Being a Puma was the experience of a lifetime, and I will always cherish the memories of my time on campus."

"I would never change my SJC experience," he continued, "and I have never met anyone who thinks differently."

Walking To Make a Difference By Meggan (Chaseley) Waltuck '94 My older sister, then fifteen, was a mile walk dusk and dusk an

It was spring 1986. My older sister, then fifteen, was a sophomore at Andrean High School in Merrillville, Indiana. I was thirteen and finishing up the eighth grade before beginning four wonderful years at Andrean. That spring, my brother Mark was born. My high school and college years were spent as a big sister. When Moira went to Marquette, it was just Mark and me. I was old enough to be of some help to my mom, yet young enough to have lots of fun with my baby brother. While I attended Saint Joseph's College, my mom and stepfather made the short trip from Merrillville frequently because Mark loved coming to football and basketball games. He may have only been seven years old, but we had so much fun hanging out during Little Sibs Weekend. I hope I am the fun mother I am today because of those years with Mark. Mark eventually attended and graduated from Andrean in 2004, and I was never prouder.

Mark was the source of some of the greatest joys of my life. He is also the source of my greatest pain – Mark died in the fall of 2005.

Mark died by suicide. I truly cannot imagine anything more senseless. That is why I have become involved with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). AFSP is the only national not-for-profit organization exclusively dedicated to understanding and preventing suicide through research and education, reaching out to people with mood disorders and those affected by suicide. I became involved with AFSP for the help that it provided to my family, but now I've taken the organization's cause to heart. It is estimated that close to one million people make a suicide attempt each year and that every sixteen minutes someone dies by suicide.

Next summer will be the third consecutive summer since Mark's death that I will participate in AFSP's annual twentymile walk. AFSP also sponsors many local community walks throughout the nation during the year. The twenty-mile walk – the Out of the Darkness Overnight – begins at dusk and ends with a moving ceremony at sunrise. "Out of the Darkness" represents individual struggles through depression, an enlightenment toward the diseases of mental illness and depression, as well as a social awakening that hopes to remove the stigma that often follows survivors of suicide. Survivors include both those who have attempted suicide and those, like me, who survive the devastating loss of a loved one.

Last year I participated in the twenty-mile walk in Chicago while nearly eight months pregnant with my second son. This year, my husband will be joining my mother, stepfather, and me for the twenty miles in Seattle.

Each of us must raise at least \$1,000 to participate in the walk, and each of us will come away with something unique from the experience. For me, who studied and practiced as a counselor in the mental health field, I am grateful for the portion of the money that goes toward outreach programs, education, and research. But all the hundreds of participants and thousands of donors pray that the millions of dollars raised will reduce the number of people who die by suicide. We indulge the dream that it can be reduced to zero but recognize that even a reduction by one is a dream to that individual and his or her family.

Sadder for me than my own pain is the grief I witness my mother and stepfather going through. I am further saddened that my oldest son will not know his godfather and that my youngest son will never meet his uncle. But when I stop and think – and I try not to get too mad at Mark – I am saddest that he felt such desperation. Mark caused his own death, but I don't believe he intended to. Like many, Mark only knew how to ask for help through a single, desperate act.

Although it is hard to see any good in Mark's death, he was a registered organ and tissue donor. My mother and stepfather had the courage during the most painful moment in their lives to make Mark's final act a gift to someone else. I hope my involvement in AFSP will save lives and save families from the pain that my family endures.

Please visit www.rememberingmark.net to learn more about Mark's life and information on supporting me in the Out of Darkness Overnight. For more information on suicide prevention, please visit www.afsp.org. If you or someone you know is in crisis, please call 1-800-273-TALK.

Here we are Marching for Mark at the Overnight walk held in Chicago in 2006. Appearing from left to right are me; my stepfather, Mark Edwards; my mom, Mary Edwards; my brother-in-law, Mike Roe; and my sister, Moira Roe. By now you should have received your copy of the Saint Joseph's College 2007 Career Survey. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it in the stamped envelope that was enclosed, or complete the survey on-line by visiting http://www.saintjoe.edu/careers/alumni/2007surveyform.htm.

The very important information you supply will assist us in improving programs and services not only in the Career Development area but in other areas of the College, as well. Potential employers and prospective students and parents are very curious as to what SJC graduates are doing after graduation. Your information will be compared to previous classes to determine employment patterns and trends. Be assured that your responses will remain confidential. Only your name, employer, and SJC major/minor will be included in the report compiled from the data.

For more information, contact Director of the Career Development Center Donna Brody at (219) 866-6116.

Reward yourself for giving.



Pictured: Mindy '96 and Deric Beier with daughter Brie (6) and son Brock (3)

Deric and **Mindy (Laffoon) Beier '96** proudly support Saint Joseph's College with Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). By making automatic monthly contributions with their debit/credit card with rewards, each contribution to SJC puts money back into their pocket. They use these points for dining, shopping, and travel, including cruises and a family trip to the zoo. Take advantage of this opportunity to reward yourself for giving. Consider making a gift today.

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History of the College: Looking Back at SJC

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YEARS AGO

After a survey of alumni, faculty, and students which was favorable toward residential co-education, the President's Council voted on July 6, 1967, to admit women as residents on campus in the fall of 1968.

The decision was that until there were sufficient women to occupy the entire hall, one wing of the new hall – later to be named in honor of Justin Oppenheim, benefactor and Trustee of the College – would be set aside for women and the other wing for men, with the view to the entire hall eventually becoming a women's dormitory.

When school opened, the enrollment was 1,427, a record number. Included in the number were 80 women living on campus in the east wing of Justin Hall, separated by a common lounge from the men living in the west wing.

Initiation at Saint Joseph's can be recalled as far back as the early 1900s, and the tradition held strong throughout the majority of the 20th Century. All freshmen were required to purchase green "beanies" from the Bookstore and were assigned various chores, such as carrying books for upperclassmen. When the College went co-educational in 1968, female students were not deprived of "equal rights" in this matter.

With women students about to move onto campus, a Dean of Women was needed, and Mrs. Harlan Noel was hired as the first Dean of Women. Mrs. Elizabeth Dunn became the director or House Mother of Justin Hall, soon to become affectionately known as "Ma."

During the month of February 1969, billboards throughout Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois, and even one across the street from the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco, California, announced Saint Joseph's decision to become coeducational.

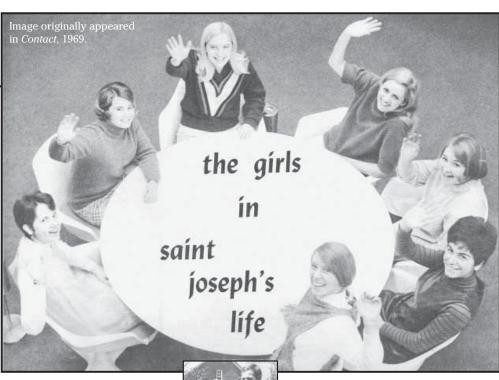






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Image courtesy of Bree (Ma'Ayteh) Dunscombe '02.

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Sophomore Blends Cultural Traditions

and Academics at Saint Joseph's College

Perhaps one of the most important aspects of a college education is learning about personal differences and embracing diversity. Even at a small school like Saint Joseph's College, each student brings his or her own unique experiences and talents from which others can learn. Anisha Gohil '10 is one student who loves to share her talents, not only with the SJC community, but also with the entire state of Indiana.

Gohil is a Biology-Chemistry major from Kokomo, Indiana, who has been dancing Bharatanatyam, a form of traditional Indian dance, since the age of seven. Her training began in her hometown, and she's continued to advance as she's grown. As the oldest form of Indian traditional dance, originating over 2,000 years ago, Bharatanatyam is deeply entwined with the Hindu religion and, in ancient times, was performed by temple dancers known as Devadasis. All stories told by the dancers describe Hindu gods and goddesses, including physical characteristics or personality traits. Before and after the dancer performs, she pays respect to God. The name "Bharatanatyam" pays honor to its creator and the discipline itself, as Natyam is Sanskrit for "dance."

Additionally, she's performed throughout Indiana at Indian and Hindu cultural events, including the spring festival Holi, Diwali (the Festival of Lights), Independence Day, the annual Vijayadasami celebration, and various other international festivals. She performed for the opening of the Hindu Temple of Central Indiana in 2006, culminating her training in the Bharatanatyam tradition by giving a complete solo performance, and has also helped with Bharatanatyam workshops at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis. Gohil is currently in collaboration with the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis, helping to create an Indian culture exhibit to promote interest and education about Bharatanatyam as a part of the Global Indiana Exhibit.

"I enjoy Bharatanatyam because it is a way I can share something about my Indian culture with others," said Gohil, who considers the activity to be a large part of her identity as well as her biggest passion. "I hope to stay involved with it for many years."

Gohil has enjoyed a very positive experience at SJC thus far. "I chose to come here because when I visited, everything just seemed to fit my needs," she said. "Everyone was very friendly, and I wanted to go to a smaller college instead of a large state school. I also want to be a doctor, and I was impressed with the rate of SJC graduates who get accepted to medical school. Even though I'm not sure what kind of doctor I want to be yet, I do know that I really want to be able to help people, and I also find the subject area very interesting."

"I had an internship last summer at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo, where we got to observe the doctors and sometimes do more hands-on work like cleaning wounds and taking out IVs," she continued. "It was an amazing experience."

As a recipient of SJC's prestigious Presidential Scholarship, which covers full tuition for four years, Gohil is well on her way to making her dream of medical school a reality. In her spare time, she enjoys playing on the women's tennis team and serving as the secretary for the Student Union Board. Gohil also works on campus as a biology lab assistant.

"I enjoy being a lab assistant and playing on the tennis team," she said. "But probably the best thing about coming to Saint Joseph's is all the friends I've made and people I've met who can never be replaced."

Honor Class Giving 2007 - 1957 1962 1967 1972 1977 1982 1987 1992 1997 2002

Win, Place and Show

During a reunion year, Pumas commemorate their devotion to SJC by *getting back* and *giving back*. Last Homecoming, the Honor Classes of 2007 celebrated in Kentucky Derby style. Honor class volunteers raced down to the wire and the results are in. Thank you for making Homecoming 2007 one to remember.

WIN – The Class of 1957 raised the highest total dollar amount in gifts and pledges.

1st Place - \$225,497 Class of 1957

2nd Place – \$134,758 *Class of 1972*

3rd Place - \$128,450 Class of 1962

PLACE - The Class of 1962 had the highest number of donors supporting their class gift.

1st Place - 39 Donors Class of 1962

2nd Place - 32 Donors Class of 1957

3rd Place - 27 Donors Class of 1972

SHOW – The Class of 1957 had the highest number of attendees at the 2007 Homecoming Dinners.

1st Place - 41 Attendees Class of 1957

2nd Place – 30 Attendees Class of 1962

3rd Place - 22 Attendees Class of 1967



Pictured left to right are: (back row) Ken Dolan, Gib Parent, Bill Burkhardt, Pat Hogan, Don Straza, Joe Dulin. (back middle row) Cliff Robinson, Bob Auer, Larry Schmidt. (front middle row) Ed Cox, Norb Kretz, Larry Stark, Ron Knaus, Dan Fenker. (front row) Frank O'Reilly, Ron Dohr, Glenn Murphy, Al Stryck, Jerry Pabst.

Class of 1957 - 50th Reunion Attendees

It takes a whole year to plan a great party. If you are celebrating an honor class reunion at Homecoming '08 and would like to be a part of a planning committee, please contact **Jake Chapman '96** at 800-227-1898 or jake@saintjoe.edu.

The launch of the 21st Century Campaign at Saint Joseph's College ushered in one of many important campus priorities: the Arts and Science Building Theatre. Six long decades have passed since the building's last major renovation. When SJC began using the Theatre as a learning space for the Core Curriculum, the walls were painted a muted green, similar to the other campus classrooms at that time. Silver and peach paint were later added when funding was unavailable for restoration. As the Theatre fell into disrepair, peeling plaster, worn red seats, hazardous backstage rigging, and mismatched paint jobs combined to give the once grand structure an air of abandonment.

Constructed in 1914 after the "Old Gym" was destroyed by a fire, the Society of the Precious Blood (C.PP.S.) covered the \$115,000 building costs, and alumni donations supported additional funding. Now, thanks to the generosity of 21st Century Campaign supporters, the Theatre has once again gotten a much-needed face lift. Estimated renovation costs totaled \$965,000, including endowment – an ambitious but achievable goal for the Theatre's restoration.

The Theatre has hosted numerous groups throughout its longstanding tradition at the College, including the Columbian Players, SJC's thespian troupe and oldest student organization. The stage serves as a second home for many of these performers, and so SJC contracted professionals such as Diedam Decorating Company, Inc., to recreate the original appearance of the grand structure. Steve Diedam, whose family has owned the business for 103 years, begins all of his projects with researching the historical significance of the buildings' styles and individual elements.

"I love the historical aspect and bringing a site back to what it used to look like," said Diedam. "It takes a lot of time to research, but it makes the decorating easier if I know what it used to be like and why. It's helpful to know the history of anything you work on."

In his research, Diedam unearthed the original colors of the grand structure, as well as explanations for the many intricate carvings surrounding the stage. "The symbols for the sculpting on the wall were fun to decipher," he said. "The bundle of roses on the proscenium is a symbol of silence. That's the first thing I found out when I got into this. There's bamboo along the edges – that represents the woodwinds." Life has been brought back into the proscenium's plaster arrangements of flowers, fruits, and vegetables through Diedam's masterful painting.

After completing the background research, Diedam brought out the architectural elements with latex paint for the walls that complemented a series of glazes for the ornamental arrangements and stenciling. The Theatre is built in the Collegiate Gothic Style, derived from Gothic Revival, a popular 19th Century style of architecture that imitates elements of Gothic design. The renovators stayed true to the classic fashion as much as possible.

"I think the renovations are going to revive the Theatre," said Director and Assistant Professor of Communication John Rahe. "They did a really nice job restoring the house itself. It pretty much looks like what it looked like in the beginning, if not better." The only significant difference in Theatre decoration, noted by Rahe, was the inset house lights in the ceiling, which was originally embellished with chandeliers. Additionally, stylish cranberry and tan carpeting adorns the floor on which approximately 500 plush seats have been installed, complete with floor track lighting in each aisle.



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"I think the renovations are amazing," said senior Mass Communication major Dani Klosowski of Schaumburg, Illinois, who currently serves as President of the Columbian Players. "All the artwork has been restored to the way it originally was, and they've put a lot of work into being as accurate as possible."

Meanwhile, the performance space's serious safety issues have also been addressed. The last recognized "rope house" in the state of Indiana, the backstage rigging equipment – formerly consisting of rope and sandbags – is now controlled by mechanical pulleys, creating a much safer behind-the-scenes environment. Additionally, the Theatre now includes wheelchair accessibility, and removable seating accommodates those with physical disabilities.

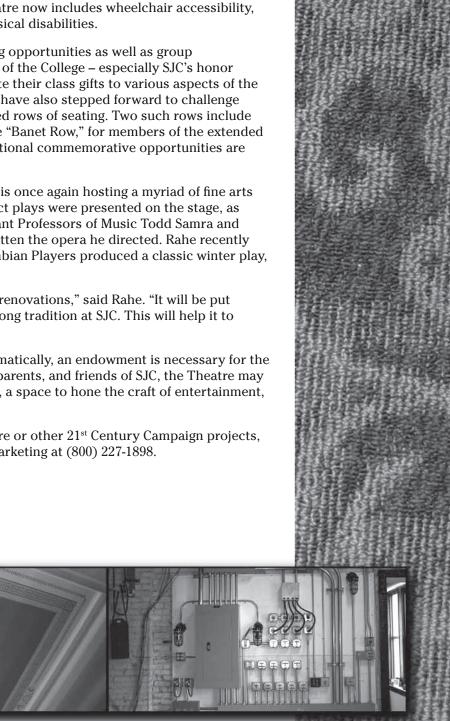
The Theatre's renovations have provided many naming opportunities as well as group collaboration projects for alumni, parents, and friends of the College – especially SJC's honor classes. Many reunion classes have chosen to designate their class gifts to various aspects of the 94-year-old performance space. Several former Pumas have also stepped forward to challenge fellow classmates to donate and fill specially-designated rows of seating. Two such rows include "That 70s Row," for students from that decade, and the "Banet Row," for members of the extended family of **Rev. Charles Banet, C.PP.S. '50**. Various additional commemorative opportunities are still available for sponsorship.

Now at the conclusion of the renovations, the Theatre is once again hosting a myriad of fine arts productions. In October, three student-directed, one-act plays were presented on the stage, as well as two operas featuring SJC students, with Assistant Professors of Music Todd Samra and Paul Geraci leading the productions, Geraci having written the opera he directed. Rahe recently returned from sabbatical, and with his help, the Columbian Players produced a classic winter play, to be followed by a musical in the spring.

"We appreciate everyone who donated to the Theatre renovations," said Rahe. "It will be put to good use because theatre has always had a very strong tradition at SJC. This will help it to continue into the future."

While the renovations have improved the Theatre dramatically, an endowment is necessary for the continued upkeep. Through the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends of SJC, the Theatre may continue to flourish, providing a learning environment, a space to hone the craft of entertainment, and a second home for faithful devotees of the arts.

For more information about donating to the SJC Theatre or other 21st Century Campaign projects, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement and Marketing at (800) 227-1898.



First Annual

Relay for Life Unites SJC and Rensselaer Communities

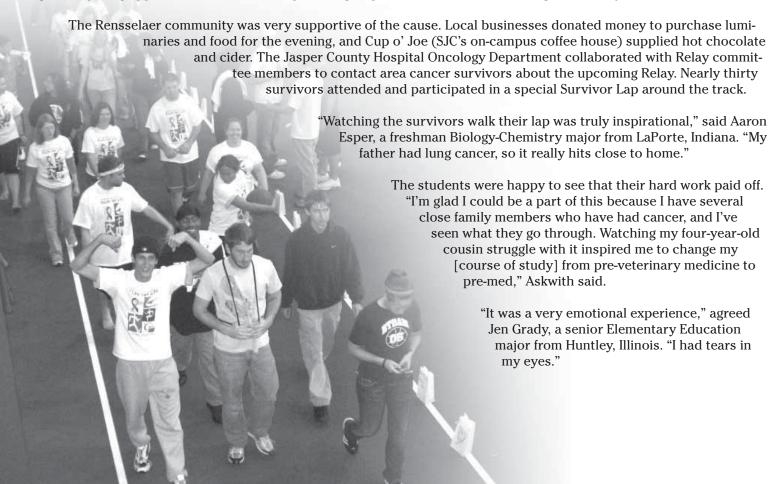
Serving as the volunteer component for the College's Freshman Seminar class (an introductory, ten-week course which addresses many important topics for first-year Pumas), Relay for Life was held on October 26 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. in the Saint Joseph's College Hanson Recreation Center, and over 400 people attended the event. Participants took turns walking around the indoor track, and the event raised nearly \$10,000 to be donated to the American Cancer Society.

In order to keep up energy levels overnight, different contests and activities were held every hour, such as a doughnuteating contest, hula hoop contest, limbo contest, relay race, and karaoke. The evening also featured performances by SJC's improv comedy group, Production Under Construction, and the Puma cheerleaders.

"I think the Relay for Life was a great idea," said Margery McIlwain, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Freshman Advisor. "It can be difficult to come up with a service project that everyone can truly enjoy, but this is very meaningful while still being fun for the students."

Planning for the Relay began last April when Sara (Reasoner) Solis '00, Director of Continuing Education and Summer Programs, formed a committee comprised of student freshman leaders and began working together to plan the signature event. Committee members were Joanna Askwith, a senior Biology-Chemistry major from Lisle, Illinois; Jessica Conlin, a senior Elementary Education major from Aurora, Illinois; Melissa Cooper, a senior Biology major from Crown Point, Indiana; Kim Klaus, a senior Criminal Justice major from Hebron, Indiana; Danielle Klosowski, a senior Mass Communication major from Schaumburg, Illinois; Dawn Perry, a senior Elementary Education major from New Palestine, Indiana; and Crystal Stines, a senior Chemistry major from Danville, Indiana.

"Everything really just fell into place," Askwith said. "We met with representatives from the American Cancer Society to get everything approved, set a date, and split into groups for fundraisers and raising community awareness."



Fellows Assorted Questions

Institutional Advancement and Marketing Staff, Council of Fellows members, and current Fellows are often asked questions about the Fellows Program. If you are not already a Fellow of the College and can or are giving at/near \$400 a year, consider sponsoring yourself or someone else for induction into the Fellows Program. Perhaps after reading about the Fellows Program and the benefits of membership, we hope you will want to join.

Q: What is a Fellow?

A: It is the highest non-academic honor that is bestowed by the College. In the words of Fr. Gross, "A Fellow of Saint Joseph's College sees beyond the horizon of [his] everyday occupation or profession. [He] looks to [his] identification with the College as an invitation to greatness."

Q: When was the Fellows Program established?

A: 1962, by Rev. Raphael Gross, C.PP.S., the thirteenth president of Saint Joseph's College.

Q: Does that title expire?

A: The designation of Fellow is for a lifetime.

Q: What is the cost of becoming a Fellow?

A: \$2,000 and the pledge may be paid over five years. (It was originally \$1,000 paid over three years – to reflect the cost of tuition in 1962. The amount was raised in 1999 to \$2,000 paid over 5 years.)

O: How does one become a Fellow?

A: An individual may sponsor himself/herself for induction or may choose to sponsor another individual for induction (e.g., spouse, children, grandchildren, co-worker).

Q: Where is my gift/pledge directed?

A: In recent years, the Fellows have dedicated themselves to special fundraising projects such as restoration of the stained glass windows in the Chapel; renovation of classrooms and laboratories in the Arts & Science Building; beautification of the Lourdes Grotto: benches for the Reflecting Pond, Chapel, Core Plaza, and Library Grove; and the Chapel Complex Endowment. The aforementioned projects are known as Restricted funds. However, gifts/ pledges with the intention of naming or sponsoring a Fellow may also be given as *Unrestricted* (College Fund). The donor may decide where to direct the gift. In-kind donations may not be used to sponsor a Fellow.

O: Are there annual dues?

A: No. Once the initial \$2,000 is paid, no other money is owed. A Fellow will be informed of and invited to participate in special fundraising projects on campus, but is not obligated to contribute.

Q: Is there a minimum age for becoming a Fellow?

A: No. A Fellow may be inducted at any age, and it also is possible to name a Fellow after he/she has passed away.

Q: Are there benefits to being a Fellow?

A: Yes. Fellows are invited to the Fellows Mass, induction ceremony, and luncheon held annually on the first Saturday of June. Fellows also receive a Courtesy Card that includes benefits such as: complimentary admission to fine arts performances and home athletic events; use of the Hanson Recreation Center and Raleigh

Weight Room; circulation privileges at the Robinson Memorial Library; 15% off at the College Store; Lake Banet admission; and 50% discount on banquet facilities for family events.

Q: Is the Fellows Program for College alumni and employees only?

A: No. Ironically, Fr. Gross established the Fellows Program in 1962 to introduce more "friends" to Saint Joseph's College. Fellows come from all walks of life and from all parts of the globe.

Q: Once I become a Fellow, is there any other title that I may strive for?

A: Once you become a Fellow, your cumulative lifetime giving to Saint Joseph's College will be recognized at the following levels:

President's Fellow - \$50,000 Father Gross Fellow - \$25,000 Father Bierberg Fellow - \$12,000 Paul Tonner Fellow - \$6,000 Fellow - \$2,000

Q: Are there any tax benefits for the Fellows Program?

A: There is a tax credit in the State of Indiana for taxpayers who make a contribution to colleges/universities (\$100 for single filers; \$200 for married/joint filers). Example: if you are a married couple that is paying \$400/year to become a Fellow, you will receive a \$200 credit on your Indiana taxes by filing the CC-40 Form.

Q: How can I get more information on the Fellows Program?

A: Contact **Maureen Egan '90**, Vice President, at (800)227-1898 or mo@saintjoe.edu for more information.

Faculty Notes

Dr. Robert Brodman, *Professor of Biology*, recently returned from his semester-long sabbatical and spending three and a half weeks studying wildlife ecology in New Zealand. Turn to page 22 to learn more about his excursions.

Brian Capouch, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, has been busy utilizing his expertise across the country. In May, he attended the Asterisk Developer's Conference in Atlanta as a member of the Asterisk Advisory Council. The summer months held two very different business opportunities for Capouch when he spoke at the O'Reilly Open Source Conference (OSCON) in Portland, Oregon, in July and Purchased the Simpson Low House in Medaryville, Indiana, for restoration in August. "While in Portland, I gave a tutorial on the Asterisk telephony applications server and also did a session on open WRT, an embedded version of Linux," he said. In October, Capouch gave two presentations at the Voice on the Network (VON) Conference in Boston entitled "VoIP Security" and "Asterisk Birds of a Feather." The early months of 2008 promise no slow-down for him, as he's slated to speak in March at EComm 2008 in Mountain View, California, on twelve-volt telephony. He'll also be speaking at the Rensselaer Ladies' Literary Society in April on the early settlers of Gillam and Barkley Townships.

Toni Halgas, Assistant Professor of Social Work, recently taught two in-services for the Jasper County Hospice and Home Health on two separate topics: suicide and professional boundaries. "When dealing with patients in home health care or hospice," Halgas began, "suicide may be an issue. Patients can feel overwhelmed by their prognosis and become clinically depressed or anxious and begin to experience thoughts of suicide."

In her professional boundaries in-service, Halgas provided information on dealing with home-bound patients and those facing end-of-life issues, which necessitates that the professional be able to insinuate themselves into a person's and family's very personal and private world while remaining separate and respectful during this sacred time. Halgas explained that this is not an easy task, and the social worker needs to quickly form a therapeutic bond of trust with the patient, and sometimes the informality of working within a patient's home rather than in a hospital or clinic setting can lend itself to patients feeling more comfortable with the professional and forgetting that there are boundaries that should not be crossed. "Professionals must maintain boundaries that will allow them to remain in a neutral state when hard decisions need to be made," she said. "They need to maintain personal space so that they can provide the best care."

Judith Jezierski, Associate Professor of Nursing and Chair of the Department of Nursing, and **John Jezierski**, Associate Faculty Nursing Lecturer and Director of St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, completed the National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care Ethics from the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in July.

Additionally, **Judith** and **Vicki Simpson**, *Lecturer in Nursing*, were invited to present a poster entitled "Integration of Community Partnerships in a Baccalaureate Nursing Program" at the American Public Health Association Convention in Washington, D.C., in November.

Maia Kingman, Assistant Professor of English, successfully defended her dissertation prospectus entitled "Folkways in the Fiction and Photography of Eudora Welty" in November.



Dr. Robert Brodman



Toni Halgas



Judith Jezierski



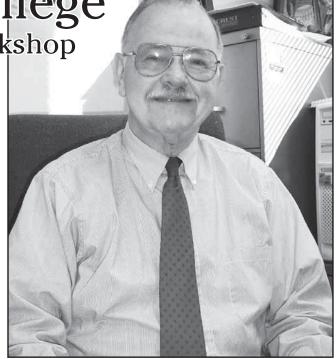
Maia Kingman

Saint Joseph's College Receives Grant to Host National Workshop

Saint Joseph's College recently received a grant for use in hosting a workshop for administrators and faculty of Catholic colleges exploring methods of using general education to strengthen Catholic identity and mission fulfillment. The workshop, slated to take place June 1-4, 2008, will feature outside speakers and experienced local faculty to conduct the project.

A nationally-recognized leader in general education curricula, Saint Joseph's College's renowned Core Program will serve as the model for the workshop. The Program aims to achieve collegiality among faculty while having a strong impact on student growth and development over all eight semesters. The College's Core Program is a testament to the idea that general education can have a significant impact on student learning by permeating the whole undergraduate curriculum with the values and commitments in an institution's mission statement.

"Basically, we aim to start a movement by means of an initial workshop," said John Nichols, SJC Professor of Philosophy and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Distinguished Teaching Professor. Nichols, who served as one of the primary leaders in the creation of the Core Program in 1969, applied for the



John Nichols

grant and conceptualized the workshop. "The objective," he continued, "is to pool the creativity of 20 or so institutions to invent several ways of fulfilling the potential that resides in general education programs for achieving a college's mission."

"The Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities (ACCU) has a very strong interest in this same issue and also the method that this college devised to make its mission come alive all through its curriculum," he continued. "Therefore, we will form a network of conversation and sharing of innovations among the workshop participants and continue to meet annually at the ACCU meeting."

More information about next year's workshop will be released in the coming months.

We've Moved

39th Annual Scholarship **Dinner and Auction** Radisson Star Plaza Merrillville, Indiana

Friday, May 9, 2008

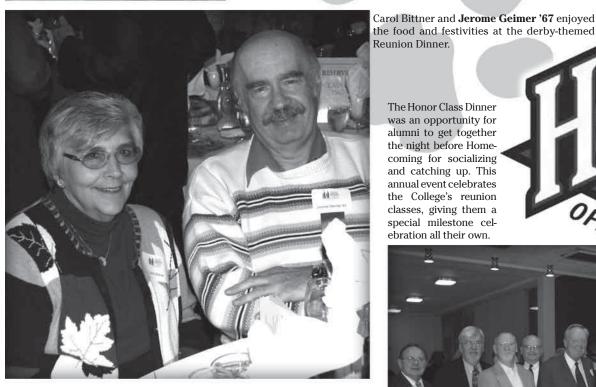






A group of Pumas recounts stories of past days spent in the Courtyard of Drexel Hall. Louise Ames '72 (far right) led several tour groups through the first floor of Drexel, currently housing the Rensselaer Adult Learning Center.

The Kids' Art Tent was the place to be for little Pumas and families. SJC Art students supervised crafts and activities, including drawing, painting, and tie-dying, while parents mingled in the Alumni Association Beer & Brat Tent.



The Honor Class Dinner was an opportunity for alumni to get together the night before Homecoming for socializing and catching up. This annual event celebrates the College's reunion classes, giving them a special milestone cel-





Former Columbian Players ham it up on the stage in the newly-renovated Theatre in the Arts and Science Building. The first annual Columbian Players Reception featured refreshments in the Lobby, a behind-the-scenes tour of the facility, and a question and answer session with restoration painter Steve Diedam. For more information about the Theatre, turn to page 12.



The Alumni Association Beer & Brat Tent was the source for Alumni connections and reconnections. 2007's celebration found many alumni socializing within the Tent, giving everyone a place to eat, meet, and greet.

Revs. Clarence Williams, C.PP.S. '73 (left) and Timothy McFarland, C.PP.S. '78 proudly accepted awards from the Alumni Association. Williams was presented with the Alumni Achievement Award, and McFarland was given the Alumni Service Award.





Supportive students in the "Puma Pound" cheering section arrived at the game decked out in their craziest attire. The Pumas beat the Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers with a triumphant 49-28 resounding victory, securing SJC's sixth consecutive Homecoming win.

The Puma entertained fans and families alike while cheering the Pumas onto victory.

Participants in the Reunion Dinner were "off and running" to the betting booths. Indianapolis-based Entertainment Themes Indiana, Incorporated brought all the excitement of the horses to Saint Joseph's College, providing guests the opportunity to place their "bets" and cheer on their horses as they watched them round the track on the big screen.



So Many Funds...So Many

Your mailbox is receiving more solicitations from SJC. Your inbox has an e-newsletter arriving monthly with information about the 21st Century Campaign. A DVD sits patiently waiting for you to view it. The phone just rang and it was a student calling on behalf of the 21st Century Campaign. You have a new set of Puma address labels, but the question is: *what are all of these funds to which I may contribute?*

The College Fund supports the day-to-day operations of the College. There is a gap between tuition charged and the actual cost of operations such as faculty and staff salaries, maintenance, library resources, and scholarships. That void is filled when you give an unrestricted gift to support the College Fund.

At the same time, the College is in the midst of a capital campaign. "A capital campaign is an organized, intensive fundraising effort to secure *extraordinary* gifts and pledges for a specific purpose or purposes (such as building construction, renovation, equipment acquisition, or endowment funds) during a specified period" (Dove, 2000, p. 5). Perhaps you are familiar with capital campaigns thanks to your church, high school alma mater, or even your local hospital. The last comprehensive capital campaign at SJC was conducted in 1989-1991 in conjunction with the College's Centennial. The 21st Century Campaign began July 1, 2005, with the silent phase; went public in March 2007; and concludes on June 30, 2008. With a \$12.5 million goal, funds raised will support four major areas: academics, athletics, endowment, and residence halls.

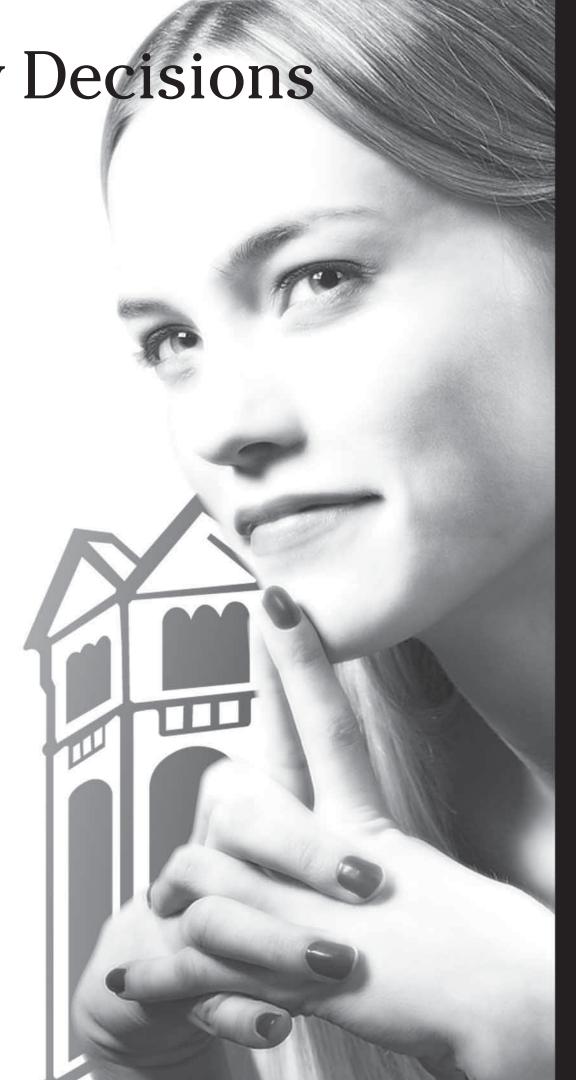
I already gave a gift to SJC this year. Why am I being contacted for another gift?

Think of these funds working in tandem, much like the responsibilities with owning a home. You have the ongoing expense of a mortgage, utilities, and insurance. This represents the College Fund – the daily operational expenses of providing an education to current Pumas. There's no place like home...except when the central air conditioning breaks down and your growing family necessitates building an addition on to your home. The replacement of the air conditioner and new construction are capital expenditures that must be incurred in addition to your monthly budget, but you have the convenience of spreading this expense over time thanks to a home equity loan.

It has been 18 years since the College's last comprehensive capital campaign. Aging infrastructure, a new generation of technology, academic programs and resources, competitive intercollegiate athletics, endowment for scholarships and ongoing maintenance, and residence halls of 1955 vintage – now is the time to help make a difference with the capital improvements being made at SJC, *Preserving Tradition...Securing Our Future*. Not only do we ask you to continue your annual support of the College Fund, but we ask you to consider an "extraordinary" pledge of up to five years to the 21st Century Campaign. SJC has been awarded a prestigious Challenge Grant from The Kresge Foundation in the amount of \$750,000, provided that we meet the \$12.5 million campaign goal in gifts and pledges by June 30, 2008. Pledges count toward the fundraising goal, but must be submitted in writing by June 30, 2008.

When that phone rings with a Puma student calling on behalf of the capital campaign or College Fund Phonathon, or you open that next piece of mail, we ask you to prayerfully consider your gifts to the College Fund *and* the 21st Century Campaign.

For more information contact **Maureen Egan '90**, Vice President, Institutional Advancement and Marketing, (800)227-1898 or mo@saintjoe.edu.



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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Unrestricted (use where needed most)

Academics/Technology

Library

Theatre

Athletics

Residence Halls

Chapel Complex Endowment

Founder's Fund (scholarships; exceeded \$1 million goal)

A bright future for SJC

There and Back Again:

HERPETOLOGIST'S TALE

A FIRST-PERSON ACCOUNT OF NEW ZEALAND'S FOREIGN LANDSCAPES AS DISCOVERED BY DR. ROBERT BRODMAN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, DURING HIS SEMESTER-LONG SABBATICAL.

From Christchurch to Wellington to Coromandel, by planes, trains, automobiles, buses, boats, and hiking boots, I had the chance to see a lot of the country's landscape and ecosystems during my three-week stay in New Zealand. The people are so friendly and seem to be the happiest population that I have ever seen. For three weeks, teatime, Irish pubs, and even rugby became normal parts of my life. I stayed with my friend Ben Bell, who is the director of biodiversity and restoration ecology research at Victoria University of Wellington, NZ. Ben and I met two years ago in South Africa, and he is a leading authority on the native New Zealand frogs and their conservation.

New Zealand is like no other place on earth. The subtropical rainforests, numerous tree ferns, hilly pastures, and rocky alpine regions give NZ an otherworldly, prehistoric look, but at the same time also a familiar one. This, no doubt, is one of the reasons that NZ is often used as the filming location of fantasies and stories in the distant past. Peter Jackson used sites all over the country to film the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy and, in the process, made Middle-earth seem like a real place.

Most of the NZ landscape has been converted to pastures. Although there is a significant amount of dairy cows, in many stretches there's nothin' but mutton for miles and miles.

kilometers and kilometers. No need to wonder about what counting sheep will do for you. With more sheep than people, it seems like almost all of the land that could be converted to pasture has been. What hasn't has usually been converted to introduced Monterey Pine plantations for lumber. The native amphibians, reptiles, and birds cannot live in these highly-altered environments. Introduced species, primarily mammals from Australia and Europe, do very well there and then encroach and cause further damage to neighboring native habitat or prey upon defenseless native animals or their eggs. That is what we mean when we refer to a species as invasive.

So the take-home lesson in NZ is that Middle-earth has



Finding tuataras has been a dream of mine since I was a young child. Tuataras look like big lizards, but they are actually representing a unique branch of reptiles that were abundant during the age of dinosaurs. They are considered "living fossils" because they are the most primitive of the living groups of reptiles and have not changed much in 200 million years.

more than orcs and dark lords to worry about. Cats, rats, mice, and the Australian bushtail possum are among the worst of the invaders. Some were brought to NZ by people on purpose and others by accident. Eradication of these mammals is the top conservation priority in NZ nature preserves. But for the nation as a whole, one cannot discount the huge effect of habitat destruction and degradation on the plight of their native wildlife. This is the top problem that we have in the United States, especially the Midwest.

Successful wildlife sanctuaries have been created on many of the small islands, and even at a natural area in Wellington, the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary, by eliminating the mammals and reintroducing endangered native species.

Together, Ben and I surveyed reptiles at three of the wildlife sanctuaries, and visited Nga Manu Nature Reserve to observe their involvement in the tuatara captive breeding and head start program. Head starting is a strategy to raise offspring in a way that increases their chance of survival, and then release them back to the wild. In the case of tuataras, by the time that they are 4-5 years old they are large enough to avoid predators. Once they get past that point they can live 60-70 years.

Additionally, New Zealand is home to the most primitive and unique frogs on earth. Compared to frogs elsewhere, the native frogs have one extra back bone (frogs have very short spines), they do not have ear drums, do not call, do not have a tadpole stage, three of the four species cannot swim, and the adults have tail wagging muscles even though they do not have tails. They reproduce on land, and, after fertilizing the eggs, the males guard the nest. After hatching, the baby frogs climb onto the male's back until they are ready to go on their own. A third of the over 5,400 species of frogs found worldwide are threatened with extinction, and all four of the NZ-native frogs are in the top 10 of the most endangered. The Steven's Island frog is listed as #1; there are only 200-300 of these frogs left in the world. As part of the native frog recovery effort, small colonies have been established at Karori Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Coromandel Peninsula, however, has the best habitat and most of the populations of the two most common native frogs. Archey's Frog is a forest species, and Hochstetter's Frog is found alongside forested streams. In 1977, Ben set up three sampling plots in Coromandel to estimate population sizes, and has been keeping up with it for thirty years. Each plot is a ten-meter by ten-meter grid over rocky areas where the frogs seek refuge during the day. During the survey, we looked under every rock in each plot – which equaled about five hundred rocks.

Far Right: Each frog is collected and placed in a numbered bag, and a corresponding tag is placed at the rock where the frog was found.

Right: Ben swabs each collected frog to test for disease.





HERPETOLOGIST'S TALE

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Copper Skink

During my final week in NZ, we headed north to meet up with other frog researchers to conduct surveys on the other two species of native frog. We estimated population sizes and swabbed them to test for Chytridomycosis – Chytrid for short – which is a serious fungal disease that infects the skin of amphibians. Part of the protocol in our research was to test each swab for the presence of the DNA of Chytrid: NZ researchers found a remedy for the fatal disease by accident. A commonly-used eye wash containing chlorampenicol has successfully treated infected frogs in captivity. Humans are immune to Chytrid but can be carriers, so we had to use sterile latex gloves to handle them and have our boots and gear disinfected.

During my stay, I was able to see thirty-four species of animals - including twelve species of unique amphibians and reptiles - that are found nowhere on earth except New Zealand. An additional twenty-eight species that I saw are only found within the Australasia realm. Those numbers don't even count the wide ranging whales, dolphins, and sea birds! Stats like these are very satisfying for a wildlife biologist. Seeing and learning about unique animals that I have never seen live is, for lack of a better word, my quest. It's the reason why I have a passport, a silly number of waterproof boots, and a jeep that gets muddy.

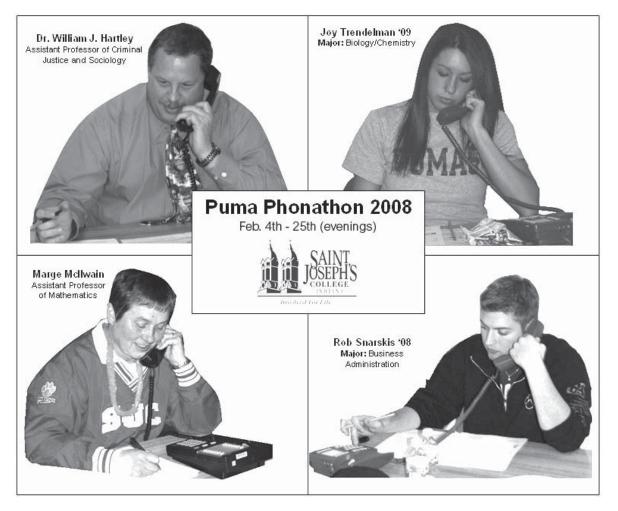


Wellington Green Gecko



Matui-Somes Island Common Gecko

Will you answer the call?



During the month of February, Puma employees and student volunteers will be calling to raise money in support of the College Fund at SJC.

Their goal is to surpass totals from the record-setting 2007 Phonathon, where pledges reached over \$196,760! In order to accomplish this goal, students will ask for new and increased gifts.

If you receive a call this year, you may consider adding \$50, \$100, or even doubling your last gift. Donations at any level earn volunteer callers fun prizes and help Saint Joseph's College meet its financial needs. Thank you for making the Puma Phonathon a success year after year.

Jake Chapman '96 College Fund Director

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Event registrations • College Store

Sign up today at alumni.saintjoe.edu



Kincaid named GLVC Freshman of the Year

Saint Joseph's College's Tyler Kincaid (Fr., Avon, IN) has been named the 2007 Great Lakes Valley Conference Freshman of the Year for men's soccer. The GLVC released its award winners and All-Conference Teams in late October.

Kincaid, also a Third Team All-GLVC selection, is the first SJC soccer player, male or female, to receive the conference's Freshman of the Year Award. He put up seven goals and three assists this season to lead the Pumas in scoring, and turned in his first collegiate hat trick by scoring three goals in a 4-1 win at Kentucky Wesleyan College on September 16.

Kincaid was one of just two players in the conference to score against league regular-season champion Northern Kentucky University, and was the only non-NKU representative to win one of the GLVC's major awards. The Norse swept the Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, and Coach of the Year Awards.

The Pumas finished the 2007 campaign with an overall record of 4-15, winning three more games than it did the previous year.

Burns selected to participate in East Coast Bowl

Saint Joseph's College football player Lance Burns (Sr., Miami, FL/Coral Reef) recently was invited to participate in the seventh annual East Coast Bowl, which was played November 24 in Petersburg Virginia

The East Coast Bowl is a game designed for NCAA Division I (Championship Subdivision), Division II, Division III, and NAIA draft-eligible seniors who have excelled on the field. The game is sponsored by the City of Petersburg and the National Football Foundation.

Burns recently wrapped up his senior season, during which he recorded 42 tackles, three interceptions, and 11 pass breakups. He was a Second Team All-Great Lakes Football Conference selection this year, and finished his playing career tied for seventh in SJC history with 11

interceptions. He helped the North squad defeat the South in the game, 35-7.

Scouts from the National Football League, Arena Football League, and Canadian Football League were on hand for the game, as well as physical testing for players on both the North and South rosters. A total of 19 players from the 2006 East Coast Bowl signed a professional contract.

14 Pumas receive All-GLFC recognition

A total of 14 Saint Joseph's College football players have been honored with selections to the 2007 All-Great Lakes Football Conference Team. The GLFC released its selections on November 16, as decided by the league's six head coaches.

The Pumas had seven First Team selections, four of which came on offense. Making the Offensive First Team were quarterback Anthony Lindsey (Sr., Bloomington, IN/North), running back Greg Ford (R Sr., Lansing, MI/Sexton), wide receiver Dan Paulsen (Sr., Portage, IN), and offensive lineman John Brasch (Fr., Naperville, IL/Joliet Catholic).

Lindsey, who was a Second Team All-GLFC pick a year ago, was named the league's top signal-caller after throwing for 2,320 yards and 18 touchdowns this season, completing 61.7 percent



Sports News

of his passes. He finished his SJC career as the holder of nearly every school passing record, including career completions (900), attempts (1,470), yards (10,458), and touchdowns (87).

Ford received First Team recognition for the second straight season, having rushed for 666 yards and seven touchdowns and caught 21 passes for 188 yards another score. He ranks second all-time at SJC in rushing yards (2,620) and all-purpose yards (3,453), and is third in career touchdowns (29) and receptions (103).

Paulsen, also a First Team pick in 2006, caught a team-high 66 passes for 900 yards and four touchdowns, while also recording 11 special-teams tackles. He departs SJC as the program's all-time leader in career receptions (238), receiving and all-purpose yards (3,581), and receiving touchdowns (29), in addition to nearly every single-game and single-season school receiving record.

Brasch, one of two SJC freshmen to receive First Team All-GLFC honors, started every game for the Pumas this season at left guard.

SJC had three Defensive First Team selections, including linebacker Rob Perricone (Jr., Hampton, NJ/Bridgton Academy), cornerback DeQwan Young (Sr., Pontiac, MI/Northern), and safety Deshon McClendon (Fr., Canton, MI).

Despite missing the last two games of the season due to injury, Perricone finished fifth on the SJC defensive squad with 50 total tackles, including seven tackles for loss and four quarterback sacks. He also broke up two passes and recovered a fumble. Perricone was a Second Team All-GLFC pick last season.

Young is a Defensive First Team honoree for the second straight season after finishing third among SJC players with 67 tackles. He led the Pumas in both interceptions (4) and pass breakups (12), ranking 14th in Division II in passes defended. He also returned 24 kickoffs for 592 yards and two touchdowns, becoming the first SJC player to return kickoffs for TDs in consecutive games. He is fourth in school history in career interceptions (15).

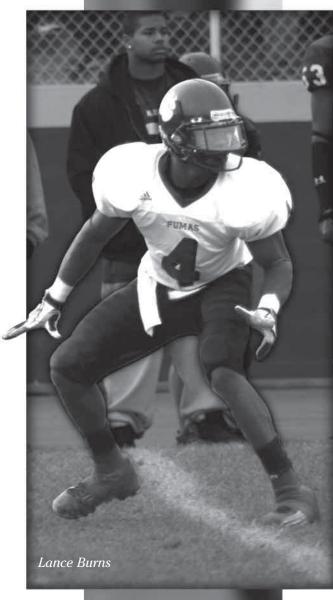
McClendon totaled 37 tackles on the season, including four tackles for loss, two sacks, two interceptions, and two forced fumbles.

The Pumas' Offensive Second Team honorees were wide receiver Mack Ogletree (RFr., Cincinnati, OH/Lockland) and tight end Michael Cochran (RSo., Ferndale, MI). Ogletree caught 28 passes for 396 yards and three touchdowns for SJC this season, while Cochran made 14 grabs for 192 yards and three TDs.

SJC representatives on the Defensive Second Team were defensive linemen Devin DuBose (So., Chicago, IL/Gordon Tech) and Grevin Fields (RFr., Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis), linebackers Payne Schoen (RJr., Oxford, IN/Benton Central) and Fred Blanton (Sr., Toledo, OH/St. Francis DeSales), and cornerback Lance Burns (Sr., Miami, FL/Coral Reef).

DuBose finished with 50 tackles and led the Pumas with 11 tackles for loss and 4.5 quarterback sacks. Fields made 37 stops with 8.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks, while Schoen totaled 69 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, and 2.5 sacks and Blanton finished with a team-high 77 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss, and two sacks. Burns put up 42 tackles, three interceptions, and 11 pass breakups. Blanton was a First Team All-GLFC pick last season.

The Pumas finished with a 4-7 overall record this season, with a 3-2 mark in GLFC games.



Class Notes

Tom Smith '48 retired from law practice and now resides in Munster, Indiana.

Frank '61 and Jane Caccamo were recently blessed with another grandchild, Jane Isabella Strasser. Janie was welcomed home by her big brothers and sisters, Alex (12), Maggie (10), Christopher (8), Caroline (5), and Will (3).

George S. Carse '63 and his wife, Mary, retired in November 2005 and moved to Liberty Hill, Texas, to be closer to their son. They are presently waiting for a grandchild. George is looking forward to seeing old friends at Homecoming this year.

After eight years on the National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America (NCBFAA) Board, Neto Roser '74 was recognized for his support and his service as a Board Member at the annual NCBFAA conference in Phoenix. Roser also currently serves on the Trade Support Network (TSN) Release Sub Committee and the EManifest Southern Border Committee.

Brian Niehoff '77, professor and head of the Department of Management in the College of Business Administration at Kansas State University, received the Ralph Reitz Outstanding Teaching Award at the university's commencement ceremony in May. The committee selected him for the award because he challenges himself to be a better teacher in the same way he challenges his students. "Dr. Niehoff demonstrates a real concern for students and strives to develop 28 mentoring relationships with them," said Dan Deines, professor of accounting and chair of the awards and recognition committee. "The level of excellence Dr. Niehoff sets in the classroom is especially impressive when one considers the demands of his administrative responsibilities as department head." Niehoff teaches organizational behavior, entrepreneurship, and international management. His research interests include workplace justice, organizational citizenship behavior, and efforts of immigration on human resource management practices. He is a Cargill Faculty Fellow and director of the Cargill Ethics Speaker Series. After earning his bachelor's degree from SJC in 1977, he went on to earn a master's and doctorate from Indiana University.

Bruce D. Hicks '79 was recently named Governor of the Casualty & Property Insurance Underwriters Society (CPCU). Hicks is senior editor of technical education products for The Rough Notes Co., Inc. in Carmel, Indiana. He also recently became a grandpa!

David Dolak '80 is the Artist-in-Residence at Columbia College in Chicago, Illinois. Dolak teaches the courses "Dinosaurs & More: Geology Explored" and "The Physics of Musical Instruments."

Brian G. Donovan '83 has accepted a position as the Associate Head Golf Pro at Medinah Country Club, home of the 2012 Ryder Cup golf tournament. This has provided Donovan with some neat opportunities, including recently playing with Tiger Woods - yes, Tiger won. It is rewarding to start a second career.

LeeAnn (Radivan) Schreiner '91 recently became a Certified Nutritional Consultant (American Association of Nutritional Consultants). LeeAnn and her husband, Joe, have one daughter, Elaina, who turned 1 on August 10.

Jason M. Quigg '97 recently received his master's degree in School Counseling from Purdue University Calumet. He is in his second year as the high school counselor at River Forest Jr-Sr High School in Hobart, Indiana. He is also ready to start his ninth year as the head varsity boys' basketball coach.

Kristopher M. Krouse '02 received the Governor's Award for Tomorrow's Leaders on September 5, 2007, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Krouse is the Executive Director for the Shirley Heinze Land Trust. He and his wife, Heidi (Schwartz) Krouse '03, and daughter Abigail (3) reside in Valparaiso, Indiana.

The Chicago Office for Divine Worship has named Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy alumna Anna Belle O'Shea '03 the new Director of Liturgies and Music for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Adam Bartrom '04 has joined Barnes & Thornburg LLP's Fort Wayne office as an associate in the Labor and Employment Law Department. Bartrom received his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School. During his academic career, he served as a research assistant on international tort matters and interned for the Honorable Kenneth Ripple of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. Bartrom is admitted to practice in the state of Indiana and the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana.

Luke Hansen, S.J. '04 professed the religious vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and he promised to live his entire life in the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) on August 11th in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola in 1540, is a religious order in the Catholic Church. Hansen now begins graduate studies in philosophy and theology at Loyola University in Chicago in preparation for ordination to the priesthood. At Loyola, he

will join **Rev. Earl Weis, S.J. '41** in the Jesuit community and **Rev. Jeff Kirch, C.PP.S. '98**, in theology classes. **Caleb Kopczyk '05** recently completed his M.A. in Political Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

ENGAGEMENTS

Michelle M. McWalter '02 to Tim Malone. An October 10, 2008; wedding is planned.

Randy Hoffman '03 to Susan Huss '04. A May 31, 2008, wedding is planned in Greenwood, Indiana. Carolyn Weber '04 will be the maid of honor and Shannon Cheek '04 and Melissa Miller '04 will be bridesmaids. Robert Spychalski '01, Richard Egeland '04, Darrell Statzer '05, and Caleb Kopczyk '05 will be groomsmen, and Brian Eddy '03 will be an usher.

Brooke E. Mason '04 to SJC Head Football Coach Louis Esposito. A July 5, 2008, wedding is planned.

Adam C. Minth '04 to Kerrie Schludecker. An August 9, 2008, wedding is planned.

Nichole Kaiser '05 to Garrett Guest '04, an October 25, 2008, wedding is planned. Bridal party attendants will include Megan Ratterman '04, Becca Niziolek '04, Sean McBride '05, and Bob Bosserdet '04.

Amanda Stoops '06 to Josh Hunt. An August 2, 2008, wedding is planned.

MARRIAGES

Neto Roser '74 to Gail Downey, 4/7/07.

Domenic C. Maciariello '97 to Michelle Zapchenk, 9/1/07.

Jane E. Wimberg '97 to Adam Adkinson, 3/26/05.

Kevin P. Blasco '00 to Kari Ruffin, 5/5/07.

Kassie Vanderwall '00 to Patrick Brown, 5/12/07.

Jill Morgan '01 to Justin Mims, 6/30/07.

Karissa Laurinas '02 to Andy Losh, 10/6/07.

Benjamin M. Zimmer '02 to Devin Ward, 9/2/07.

Tina M. Bednarczyk '03 to Andrew Augsburger, 6/23/07.

Michelle Grubb '03 to Brett Heinz '03, 7/28/07.

Sarah A. O'Connor '03 to Matt Koehlinger, 6/2/07.

Jason Selmer '03 to Heather Turner, 6/16/07.

Sarah R. Sikkema '03 to Eric P. Peterson, 9/22/07.

Nicholas Bizila '04 to Karen Miller, 10/20/07.

Jackie L. Ullery '04 to Michael Schroeder, 9/29/07.

Jill Mourey '05 to Taylor Simonis '05, 12/29/07.

A destination wedding was held in Playa Dell Carmen, Mexico.

Teresa W. Wleklinski '06 to Mark Gniadek, 9/1/07.

Megan A. Girton '07 to Matt Carter, 5/26/07.

Rhiannon D. Hartwell '07 to Christopher Leppert, 10/13/07.

Marcie Keyes '07 to Joe Larson '07, 8/25/07.

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BIRTHS

Abigail Barbara Coy to John and SJC Assistant Professor of Physics Jennifer Coy, 10/23/07.

Lola Iman Lampley to Kenneth and Head Women's Basketball Coach Jannon (Roland) Lampley, 10/24/07. Lola joins big sister Jaylah.

Joseph Michael Lynch, Jr. to SJC Assistant Football Coach Joey and Danielle Lynch, 10/18/07.

Vincent Thomas Miller to David and Josie (Braband) Miller, 10/26/07. Proud Grandparents are **Vincent '69** and **30** Margaret **Braband**.

Calla Ann Hanlon to **Sean '89** and Cosima **Hanlon**, 9/18/07. Calla joins big brother Will (2).

Casey Reese Dyczko to **Chuck '91** and **Dana (Elliott) Dyczko '91**, 7/12/07. She joins big brothers Adam (15) and John (11).

Alexis Christine Ghattas to George and **Tia (Glass) Ghattas '93**, 8/30/07.

Cooper Leo Hurst to **Shawn '94** and Bonnie **Hurst**, 9/10/07.

Zachariah Mark to **Meggan (Chaseley) '94** and Jeff Waltuck, 9/18/06. Zachariah joins big brother Nathaniel (3).

Josephine (Josie) Byers to **Brett '95** and Samantha **Byers**, 2/22/07.

Austin Dee Diller to **Patrick '95** and Jennifer **Diller**, 3/1/07. Austin joins big sister Rebecca (2).

Joseph Thomas Maienbrook to **Scott '95** and **Terra (Schafer) Maienbrook '97**, 9/3/07. Joseph joins big sisters Amzie (4) and Maggie (1).

Kyla Anne Carrison to **Art '96** and Michelle **Carrison**, 2/27/07.

Grace Estelle Champney to Keith and **Erica (Shannon) Champney '96**, 11/13/07. Grace's uncle is **Sean Shannon '97. Skip** and **Mj Shannon**, former President and First Lady of Saint Joseph's College, are the proud grandparents.

Luke David Leininger to **Dwayne '96** and Charu **Leininger**, 7/26/07.

Cooper Crawford to Jim and **Christina (McCoy) Crawford '97**, 7/5/07. Cooper joined big brothers Christopher (9) and Jacob (5).

Jack Jacob Dykas to **Marty '98** and **Cindy (Rinke) Dykas '97**, 9/1/06. Jack joins big brother Donovan (3).

Liam David O'Brien to **Jason '97** and Erin **O'Brien**, 9/24/07.

Caden Kennard Quigg to **Jason '97** and Courtney **Quigg**, 2/8/07.

Marie Frances Baranowski to **Steve '99** and **Tammy (Witek) Baranowski '99**, 8/12/07. Marie joins big brother Robert (2).

Ella Kathleen Joyce to Jeff and **Jill (Orzehoskie) Joyce '99**, 7/20/07.

Raymond Joseph Wagner to Dan and **Rebecca (Fischer) Wagner '99**, 1/11/07.

Jace Matthew Johnsen to Matt and Carrie (Chocholek) Johnsen '00, 2/25/07.

Julia Marie Sut to John and **Lisa (Kanouse) Sut '00**, 8/3/07.

Andrew Elwood to Charles and **Elizabeth (Musick) Elwood '01**, 8/23/07. Andrew joins big brother Joshua (3).

Grace Elizabeth Baughman to Joshua and **Sheila (Purvis) Baughman '02**, 7/15/07.

Ella Sophia Funk to **Jason '03** and **Brigid (Doak) Funk '02**, 11/5/07.

Madeline Grace Dougherty to Michael '04 and Elizabeth (Klocek) '06 Dougherty, 9/25/07. Madeline was welcomed by grandparents Peter '73 and Barbara (McConnell) '74 Klocek and Joseph '75 and Mary Catherine (Crossland) Dougherty '75; aunts and uncles Andrew '98 and Sara (Klocek) Hicks '98, Jason '01 and Kelly (Dougherty) Burke '01, and Nicholas '04 and Kristine (Dougherty) Schweiss '03; and cousin Casey Wagner '05.

DEATHS

Marjorie (Phegley) Brooks, SJC Fellow and friend, 8/7/07.

Roberta J. Dinsmore, SJC Fellow and friend, 11/7/07.

Frank Fenwick, SJC Fellow and friend, 8/7/07.

Robert F. Schwake, friend, 9/23/06.

Rev. Paul Schaaf, C.PP.S., 9/16/07.

John L. Kuebler '39, 7/29/06.

Mary T. Moran, wife of Albert W. Moran '40, 5/25/07.



Arthur W. Loew '43, 6/16/07.

John W. Stenger, Sr. D.D.S. '44, 5/23/06.

Richard W. Hermann '44, 5/28/07.

Reverend John M. Nagele, C.PP.S. '44, 11/15/07.

Rev. William L. Eilerman, C.PP.S. '47, 9/14/07.

T. Gregory Longpre '49, 6/5/06.

Grace M. Staucet, wife of Frank P. Staucet '49, 7/29/07.

Harold R. Wallace '50, 9/19/07.

Daniel W. Boylan '51, 7/9/07.

Judee Basko, wife of **Donald B. Basko '52**, 10/20/06.

Lawrence P. O'Connell, Sr. '52, 5/23/05.

Donald A. Nowicki '53, 8/16/07.

Alice J. Lorey, wife of **Richard J. Lorey '56**, 6/27/07.

Eugene M. Beining '57, 2/13/03.

James L. Kubacki '57, 8/07.

Robert B. Rohlof '57, 9/3/07.

Sr. Mary L. Ante, C.PP.S. '59, 9/27/07.

Patricia Julia Potter Egan, mother-in-law of **James M. Deegan III '59**, grandmother of (Catherine) Beth Broniec '08.

Lawrence L. Baumann '59, 10/17/06, preceded by his wife, Fern, 8/24/05.

Elizabeth "Becky" Hancock, wife of **John W. Hancock, Ph.D. '60**, 3/29/07.

G. Robert Kasky '61, father of **Cherilynn A. Kasky '89** and Michael R. Kasky '99 and SJC Professor of Accounting from 1976-1992, 9/14/07.

Sr. Mary Elise Calmus, C.PP.S. '63, 10/23/07.

Peter DiCianni, Jr. '63, 11/10/06.

Robert J. Hauck '63, 6/16/07.

Robert D. Paetow '65, 10/07.

Jan (Holden) Bossung, wife of **Carl L. Bossung '66**, 10/31/07.

Elizabeth "Betty" Cleefman '69, 10/15/07.

Cecil Hoovler, father of Ed Hoovler '69,

M. Janette (Hoovler) Johnson '73, and Terese (Hoovler) Davis '72.

Ruth L. Kanne, friend of SJC and mother of **Scott Donnelly '70** and mother-in-law of SJC Professor of Mathematics Karen Donnelly, 9/15/07.

Michael G. Ferrelli '70, 7/15/07.

Brother Gerald Hall, C.PP.S. '71, 8/25/07.

Sr. Marie Langhals, C.PP.S. '71, 5/30/07.

Sr. Kathleen J. Carew, O.P. '73, 4/23/06.

Louise J. Gianoli, mother of **Michael J. Gianoli '73** and **Anthony J. Gianoli '74**, and grandmother of **Emily B. Gianoli '03**, 4/4/07.

Maria Estella (Nena) Roser, mother to **Neto Roser '74**, and grandmother to **Shawn Roser '00** and **Meghan Roser '05**, 11/10/06.

Alverta Dermott, mother of **Terrence Dermott '78**, 11/12/07.

James M. Murphy '80, 4/27/07.

Frank Baggio, father of **John Baggio '87**, 10/25/07.

Joseph A. Betustak '92, 10/13/06.



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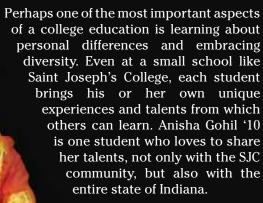
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